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# Florence, Kentucky Post Offices

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~~HISTORICAL DATA OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY, POST OFFICE AND OF  
THE FLORENCE COMMUNITY~~

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The Florence, Kentucky Post Office was established April 27, 1830 and the first Postmaster was Pitman Clondas. Mr. Clondas was associated with Thomas Madden (an early citizen) and purchased land in Florence, when it was known as Cross Roads, and he also became the first trustee of the town when it was incorporated in 1830.

Prominent citizens serving in the capacity of Postmaster down thru the years were: Floyd Wilson, John Oelsner, T. B. Castleman, James Murray, Ruby Corbin, Mildred Marshall, Nettie Corbin, Roy C. Lutes, Mabel Tanner, Oscie Castleman Lucas, Fanny L. Scott (retired) and the present Postmaster, Lawrence L. Aylor, the former Regular Clerk.

The first post office was located at the junction of Banklick St., and Main Street (building now gone). A short time later it was moved across the street on the opposite corner (building now gone). This building was known as the Boone Hotel. Other locations were: R. Scott Drug Store on Main Street, opposite Youell Street (building now gone). During this time, 1869, the I.O.O.F Building was completed and the Post Office took quarters here, was later moved to property situated between Youell Street and Banklick Street known as the Jim Tanner Hardware Store (now the oldest building in the town). The office changed location (5) times since and on Dec. 19, 1949 was moved to the present location - 313 Main Street in the new Building & Loan Building which also houses the McEvoy Brothers, Attorneys, the Leo Brophy Insurance Agency, The Boone Post # 4 American Legion, the Boone County Health Department and the Building & Loan Association.

Since the beginning of World War II, the population has zoomed from 800 to approx. 1800 and is continually growing each week. It has become the center of activity. The town now boasts a Community Center and Fire Hall, a new Drive-In Theater, several up-to-date Motels, a China Shop, and businesses of every description.

Florence is also known as "Stringtown-On-The-Pike" having been publicized in the Novel of the same name by a former citizen-author-chemist, John Uri Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd preserved the old town hall located on Main Street at Dortha Avenue, a former school room and which is now used for many civic purposes.

Bids are now being accepted at the present time for the erection of a super, ultra-modern school building to be known as the Boone County High School which will be located on Price Pike just beyond the new Sweetbriar Sub-division.

The Florence Post Office is a separation point for mail destined for Burlington (the County Seat), Union and Grant, Kentucky and is serviced by two Rural Routes and two Star Routes.

We are indebted to Congressman Brent Spence for aiding us in securing the present location. The people in the community as well as the employees in the office are most grateful for the modern facilities provided by the Post Office Department.

The Postmaster, Lawrence L. Aylor is capably aided by an efficient staff composed of: Thelma M. Smith, Reg. Clerk, Garnet S. Lucas, Sub-Clerk, Shelley H. Aylor, Temp. Sub-Clerk. Rural Route # 1, is served by Roy C. Lutes, who has L. Clifford Tanner as his Sub Carrier. Rural Route # 2 is served by William L. Oliver, with Shelley H. Aylor as Sub-Carrier. The Star Route Carriers are Claude Patterson of Burlington and A. G. (Buddy) Stephenson of Union, Ky.